

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4835–S4869

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2317–2336, and S. Res. 298–299. **Pages S4854–55**

Measures Passed:

ARTS Act: Senate passed S. 169, to amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances. **Page S4860**

Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 534, to improve the effectiveness of tribal child support enforcement agencies, and the bill was then passed. **Page S4860**

Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 26, to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, to correct a provision on the prohibition on the use of a reverse auction, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S4860–61**

Motion to Discharge Abruzzo Nomination: Pursuant to S. Res. 27, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions being tied on the question of reporting, the Majority Leader made the motion to discharge the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions from further consideration of the nomination of Jennifer Ann Abruzzo, of New York, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. **Pages S4843–51**

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 257), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination of the nomination of Jennifer Ann Abruzzo, of New York, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress. **Page S4851**

Samuels and Nanda Nominations—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Jocelyn Samuels, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Monday, July 12, 2021, ripen at 11:30 a.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Jocelyn Samuels, Senate immediately vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Seema Nanda, of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor; that if cloture is invoked on either of the nominations, all post-cloture time expire at 2:35 p.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order in which cloture was invoked.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 73 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 254), Uzra Zeya, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights).

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By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 256), Julie A. Su, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 255), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rachel Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Julia Ruth Gordon, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Alexander Hoehn-Saric, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Alexander Hoehn-Saric, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2020.

Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2018.

Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for a term expiring January 19, 2025.

Julietta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Mallory A. Stewart, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State (Verification and Compliance).

Claire D. Cronin, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Ireland.

Claire A. Pierangelo, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros.

Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.

Michael Carpenter, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Jeffrey M. Hovenier, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo.

Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana.

Jack A. Markell, of Delaware, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.

Chantale Yokmin Wong, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco.

Peter D. Haas, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Bernadette M. Meehan, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India.

Fagan Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2023.

Betty Y. Jang, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2023.

Audrey K. Schuster, of Massachusetts, to be Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2025.

Dennis DeConcini, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring April 17, 2026.

Joseph M. Green, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring March 3, 2022.

Barbara George Johnson, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring February 4, 2026.

Mildred Otero, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2026.

Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Gerald W. Fauth, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2024.

Ernest W. DuBester, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2024.

Sean C. Staples, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Jane M. Beckering, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Shalina D. Kumar, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Michael S. Nachmanoff, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Armando O. Bonilla, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Toby J. Heytens, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Jennifer Sung, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Patricia Tolliver Giles, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

32 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S4862–69**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—257) **Pages S4842–43, S4851**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4861.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: USPS OIG

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the USPS Office of Inspector General and USPS service issues, after receiving testimony from Tammy L. Whitcomb, Inspector General, United States Postal Service; Rania Dima, National Federation of the Blind, Frederick, Maryland; Brian McLaurin, American Postal Work-

ers Union, Upper Marlboro, Maryland; and Karen Meyers, Baltimore, Maryland.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gilbert Ray Cisneros, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, who was introduced by Senator Kelly, Carlos Del Toro, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Navy, who was introduced by Senator Warner, Kathleen S. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, who was introduced by former Representative John M. McHugh, Mara Elizabeth Karlin, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Michael Lee Connor, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, and Damon Y. Smith, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sarah Bianchi, of Virginia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Africa, Investment, Services, Textiles, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the rank of Ambassador, Jayme Ray White, of Washington, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Middle East, Labor, and Environment), with the rank of Ambassador, and Melanie Anne Egorin, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gentry O. Smith, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Diplomatic Security), Rena Bitter, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Consular Affairs), Monica P. Medina, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Markey, and Marc Evans Knapper, of California, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, all of the Department of State, after the

nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, who was introduced by Senator Murray, Elizabeth Merrill Brown, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, who was introduced by Senator Van Hollen, and Roberto Josue Rodriguez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, who was introduced by former Representative George Miller, all of the Department of Education, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

ANTICOMPETITIVE CONDUCT IN PRESCRIPTION DRUG MARKETS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights con-

cluded a hearing to examine anticompetitive conduct in prescription drug markets, after receiving testimony from Michael Kades, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Geoffrey Levitt, DLA Piper, on behalf of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, and David E. Mitchell, Patients For Affordable Drugs, all of Washington, D.C.; Alden F. Abbott, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Rachel Moodie, Fresenius Kabi, Baltimore, Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session with members of the Committee on Armed Services to receive a joint briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 4406–4430; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 526–531 were introduced. **Pages H3623–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3625–26**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3243, to codify the Transportation Security Administration's responsibility relating to securing pipelines against cybersecurity threats, acts of terrorism, and other nefarious acts that jeopardize the physical security or cybersecurity of pipelines, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–85); and

H.R. 2467, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to designate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (H. Rept. 117–86, Part 1). **Page H3623**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Trone to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3621**

Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Council—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Smithso-

nian American Women's History Museum Council: Representative Carolyn B. Maloney (NY). **Page H3621**

Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Representatives Sean Patrick Maloney (NY), Murphy (FL), Womack, and Davidson. **Page H3621**

Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Representatives Speier, Lieu, and Lamborn. **Page H3621**

Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Representatives Ruppertsberger, Brown, Palazzo, and Wittman. **Page H3621**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, FY 2022; and the Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2022. The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, FY 2022; and the Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2022 were ordered reported, as amended.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FIXED-WING TACTICAL AND TRAINING AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request of the Department of Defense for Fixed-Wing Tactical and Training Aircraft Programs”. Testimony was heard from Raymond O’Toole, Jr., Acting Director, Operational Test and Evaluation; Joseph Nogueira, Acting Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation; Darlene Costello, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; Lieutenant General David Nahom, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, U.S. Air Force; Frederick Stefany, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition; Rear Admiral Upper Half Andrew Loiselle, Director, U.S. Navy, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV/N98); Lieutenant General Mark Wise, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Eric Fick, U.S. Air Force, Program Executive Officer, F-35 Joint Program Office; and Jon Ludwigson, Director, Contracting and National Security Acquisitions, Government Accountability Office.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Neguse, Costa, Gonzalez of Ohio, and Keller.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee continued a markup on H.R. 3524, the “Ensuring American Global Leadership and Engagement Act”.

FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY: EXAMINING ITS USE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Facial Recognition Technology: Examining

Its Use by Law Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from Gretta L. Goodwin, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

OH, CANADA! HOW OUTDATED U.S. IMMIGRATION POLICIES PUSH TOP TALENT TO OTHER COUNTRIES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship held a hearing entitled “Oh, Canada! How Outdated U.S. Immigration Policies Push Top Talent to Other Countries”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Land held a hearing on H.R. 2049, the “Repairing Existing Public Land by Adding Necessary Trees Act”; H.R. 2816, the “Legacy Roads and Trails Act”; H.R. 3211, the “Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership Act of 2021”; H.R. 3132, the “Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act”; and H.R. 4300, the “Veterans in Parks Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Panetta, Schrier, Neguse, and Miller-Meeks; Barnie Gyant, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Gretchen Reuning, Forest Program Director, Fort Collins Conservation District, Colorado; and public witnesses.

RURAL AMERICAN RECOVERY: THE ROLE OF SMALL BUSINESSES AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Development held a hearing entitled “Rural American Recovery: The Role of Small Businesses and Entrepreneurship”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA APPEALS PROGRAM: EXAMINING THE STATE OF MODERNIZATION EFFORTS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “VA Appeals Program: Examining the State of Modernization Efforts”. Testimony was heard from Cheryl Mason, Chairman, Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; Elizabeth Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MODERNIZING THE VA POLICE FORCE: ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled

“Modernizing the VA Police Force: Ensuring Accountability”. Testimony was heard from Lewis Ratchford, Chief Security Officer, Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security, and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs; Leigh Ann Searight, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Catina B. Latham, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2022 for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider an original bill to invest in the energy and outdoor infrastructure of the United States to deploy new and innovative technologies, update existing infrastructure to be reliable and resilient, and secure energy infrastructure against physical and cyber threats, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Alejandra Y. Castillo, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, and Jane Toshiko Nishida, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Lee Connor, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth, to hold hearings to examine defending and investing in U.S. competitiveness, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2022 for the United States Agency for International Development, 10:30 a.m., SH-216/VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 2123, to establish the Federal Clearinghouse on Safety and Security Best Practices for Faith-Based Organizations and Houses of Worship, S. 1917, to establish a K-12 education cybersecurity initiative, S. 2201, to manage supply chain risk through counterintelligence training, S. 2293, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide certain employment rights to re-

servists of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, S. 1941, to direct the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to standardize the use of core-based statistical area designations across Federal programs, to allow between 120 and 180 days for public comment on any proposed change to such designations, and to report on the scientific basis and estimated impact to Federal programs for any proposed change to such designations, S. 1324, to establish a Civilian Cyber Security Reserve as a pilot project to address the cyber security needs for the United States with respect to national security, S. 533, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, S. 629, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to submit to the Comptroller General of the United States a report on rules that are revoked, suspended, replaced, amended, or otherwise made ineffective, S. 2150, to prevent catastrophic wildland fires by establishing a commission to study and recommend wildland fire prevention, mitigation, suppression, management, and rehabilitation policies for the Federal Government, S. 1009, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 regarding the procurement of certain items related to national security interests for Department of Homeland Security frontline operational components, H.R. 367, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish an acquisition professional career program, H.R. 408, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a mentor-protégé program, H.R. 473, to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs, H.R. 539, to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to waive certain debts owed to the United States related to covered assistance provided to an individual or household, and H.R. 772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 Minnetonka Avenue South in Wayzata, Minnesota, as the “Jim Ramstad Post Office”, 9:15 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Bryan Todd Newland, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1797, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to expand the funding authority for renovating, constructing, and expanding certain facilities, S. 1895, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award additional funding through the Sanitation Facilities Construction Program of the Indian Health Service, and H.R. 1688, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Myrna Perez, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jia M. Cobb, of Virginia, and Florence Y. Pan, both to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Sarah A.L. Merriam, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Karen McGlashan Williams, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and Matthew G. Olsen, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine restoring the Voting Rights Act after *Brnovich* and *Shelby County*, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine VA electronic health records, focusing on modernization and the path ahead, 3:30 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4374, the "Broadband Internet Connections for Rural America Act", 12:30 p.m., 1300 Longworth and Zoom.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request for Military Construction, Energy, and Environmental Programs", 4 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy; and Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, joint hearing entitled "Keeping Us Safe and Secure: Oversight of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission", 11:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy", 12 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Biden Administration's Foreign Assistance Priorities and USAID's FY22 Budget Request", 2 p.m., Webex.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 820 the "New Philadelphia National Historical Park Act"; H.R. 972, the "Wildlife Refuge Conservation and Recreation for the Community Act"; H.R. 1154, the "Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area Act"; H.R. 1664, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1908, the "Ka'ena Point National Heritage Area Act"; H.R. 2278, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail, and for other purposes; H.R. 2444, the "Fort San Geronimo Preservation Act"; H.R. 2497, the "Amache National Historic Site Act"; H.R. 2780, the "Insular Area Climate Change Act"; H.R. 2899, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct

a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating areas within the island of Guam as a National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; H.R. 3113, the "MAPLand Act"; H.R. 3616, the "Bear River National Heritage Area Study Act"; H.R. 3764, the "Ocean-Based Climate Solutions Act of 2021"; and H.R. 4300, the "Veterans in Parks Act", 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "Principles for Outbreak Investigation: COVID-19 and Future Infectious Diseases", 12 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access, hearing entitled "Innovation as a Catalyst for New Jobs: SBA's Innovation Initiatives", 1 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled "President Biden's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request: Agency Policies and Perspectives (Part II)", 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 913, the "Build a Better VA Act"; H.R. 2587, the "SERVE Act"; H.R. 2775, the "VA Quality Health Care Accountability and Transparency Act"; H.R. 2797, the "National Green Alert Act of 2021"; H.R. 3027, the "Veterans Improved Access to Care Act of 2021"; H.R. 3452, the "Veterans Preventative Health Coverage Fairness Act"; H.R. 3674, the "Vet Center Support Act"; H.R. 3693, the "VIPER Act"; legislation to clarify and improve the program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers; legislation to require an independent assessment of health care delivery systems and management processes of the Department of Veterans Affairs be conducted once every 10 years; and H.R. 4233, the "Student Veterans Counseling Centers Eligibility Act", 2 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Expanding Housing Access to All Americans", 2 p.m., Webex.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine how concentrated corporate power undermines shared prosperity, 2:30 p.m., VTC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, July 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Jocelyn Samuels, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following the cloture vote on the nomination of Jocelyn Samuels, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Seema Nanda, of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor. If cloture is invoked on either of the nominations, Senate will vote on the confirmations thereon at 2:35 p.m.

(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Seema Nanda, until 2 p.m.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, July 16

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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